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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years, the big companies have striven to hamstring competition across the telecommunications landscape. And last month, they essentially asked the Federal Communications Commission to finish the job by repealing a rule granting competing phone and internet companies wholesale access to their copper-wire phone infrastructure.

The industry petition argues that the rule is an intrusive regulation that has outlived its usefulness. We say the opposite is true that the access to copper, which is guaranteed by a 1996 law, is what has enabled small regional internet firm's and others like it to continue rolling out high-speed broadband services to their customers, in competition with the big firms.

Please do not pass the US Telecom petition. Thank You!

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